

CONCERNED ABOUT HEALTH CARE?

COMPARE THE PLANS FOR YOURSELF:

GOVERNMENT-REGULATED HEALTH PLAN (H.R. 3200)

NO

Bans individuals from buying customized health care policies to fit their particular needs. Instead, individuals can only choose from pre-approved, one-size-fits-all, “acceptable” policies that comply with all new and costly Federal benefit mandates and regulations.*

Choice and Portability?

NO

An estimated 114 million Americans could lose their current coverage as a new government bureaucrat, the “Health Care Commissioner,” would have unprecedented authority to determine what is “acceptable” health care coverage and to set all the rules.*

If You Like What You Have, Can You Keep It?

NO

Tax increases in the bill start immediately, including a new 5.4% surtax on many small-business owners; a new 2.5% income tax on individuals if they choose not to buy any health coverage; a new 8% payroll tax on larger employers, unless they offer “acceptable coverage;” a new tax on health insurance premiums; and limitations on existing Health Savings Accounts, and Flexible Spending Accounts.*

Lower Taxes?

NO

Nothing. Estimates peg the cost of defensive medicine between \$70 billion to \$124 billion per year, or around 10% of all health care dollars. Their plan leaves in place the current medical liability system that only seems to protect trial lawyers.*

Medical Liability Reform and Reining in Costs?

NO

Permits taxpayer dollars to be spent on abortions and does not prevent the Health Benefits Advisory Committee from mandating coverage of abortions.*

Limitations for Abortions?

REP. BROWN’S PLAN (H.R. 3400) Empowering Patients First Act

YES

The plan would allow individuals to shop across State lines or through pooling mechanisms, such as association health plans and individual membership accounts, to force insurance companies to compete for your business.

YES

The plan would enhance consumer protections, including a ban on denying coverage for pre-existing conditions, but would not put Washington bureaucrats in charge of determining what is, and is not, “acceptable” coverage for you and your family.

YES

The plan would give Americans back their own hard-earned tax dollars by extending the income tax deduction on health care premiums; and would create a refundable tax credit (on a sliding scale) to help low-income individuals who purchase individual coverage.

YES

Reduces frivolous lawsuits by establishing health courts in each state and adding affirmative defense through best practices set by physicians, not trial lawyers chasing a buck.

YES

No funds may be used to pay for an abortion or cover any part of the costs of any health plan that includes coverage of abortions.

*Source: Based on analysis of H.R. 3200 by the Republican Study Committee

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During August, I was able to visit personally with thousands of residents of the First Congressional District during several local Town Hall meetings and various other forums.

Like most of the citizens who expressed their opinions to me, I have concerns about whether a public-option health care program will improve or diminish the quality of care; how we will pay for any new plan; and whether the proposed program erodes the basic principles of individual liberty on which our nation was founded.

In the health care reform debate, I believe we must empower patients. That's why I've cosponsored the Empowering Patients First Act (H.R. 3400), which empowers individuals to make independent decisions, not Washington.

As a vote on this important legislation becomes closer, I would like to hear from as many viewpoints as possible. It is my job to represent YOU on the key issues we face. Will you help by taking a few minutes to complete and return this brief survey?

Also, by signing up for my e-newsletter, you will be the first to know about important news regarding the health care debate in Congress.

Henry E. Brown, Jr.

HEALTH CARE SURVEY

1. Are you happy with your current health care coverage?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

2. Do you support the creation of a new, government-run health care system?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

3. Do you believe the government should provide taxpayer-funded abortions?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

4. Would you be willing to pay higher taxes to provide health insurance for every American?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

5. Which three issues are most important to you?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Economy/Jobs | <input type="checkbox"/> Environment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Independence | <input type="checkbox"/> Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> National Security | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Taxes | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | |

☐ Yes! Sign me up for Congressman Browns' e-newsletter.

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HENRY BROWN
HEALTH CARE REFORM INFORMATION AND UPDATE



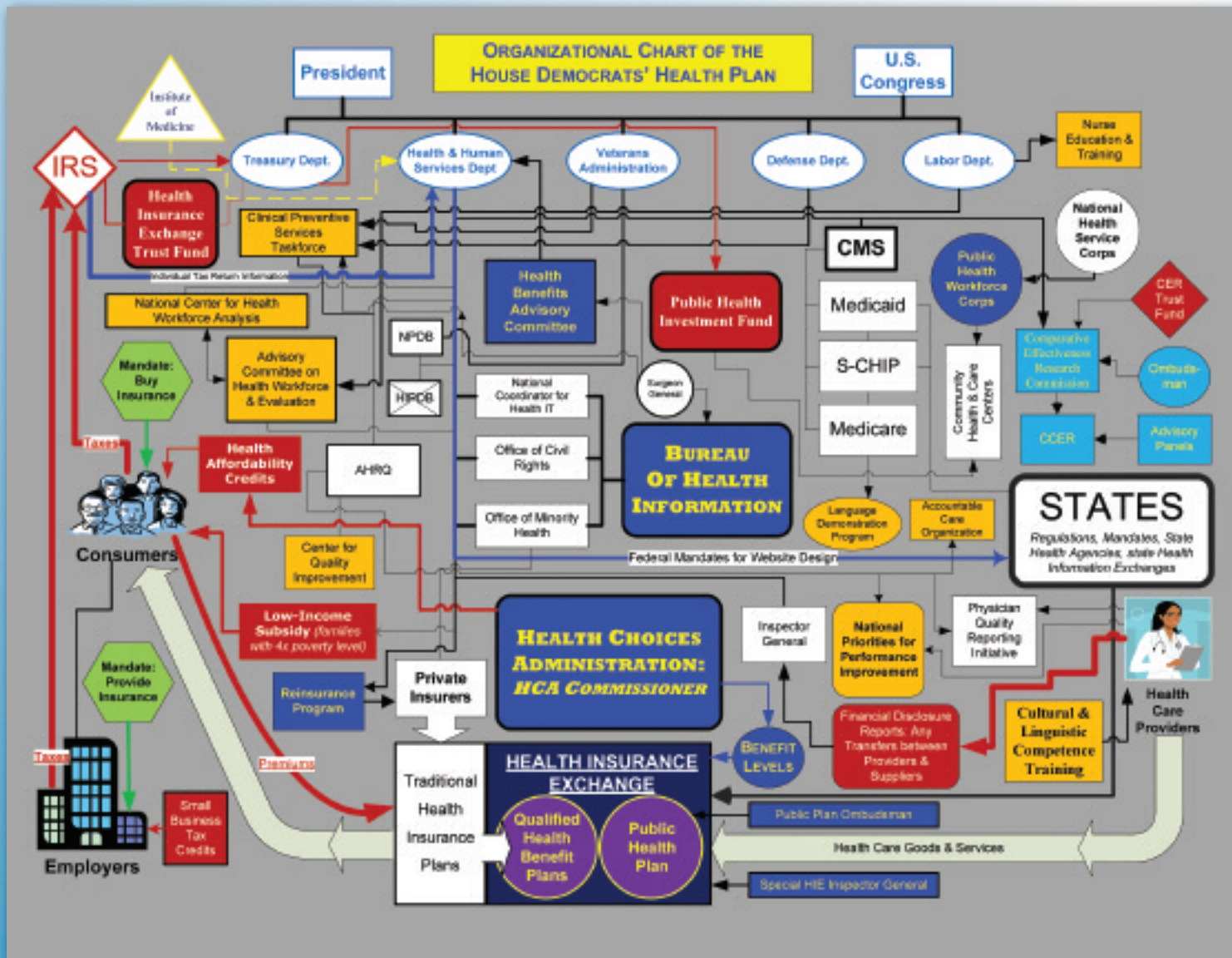
Congressman **HENRY BROWN**

“The time has come for balanced, common sense health care reform that will guarantee that Americans receive quality care while protecting the sacred doctor-patient relationship. The American people demand and deserve it.”

—Henry Brown, Jr.

THE HOUSE MAJORITY LEADERSHIP'S GOVERNMENT-RUN HEALTH PLAN

This could be the future of your health care coverage:



Source: Joint Economic Committee, Republican Staff
Congressman Kevin Brady, Ranking House Republican Member



Rep. Brown meets with doctors at MUSC and discusses our health care and the need for real reforms.

“While some in Congress are pushing a government-run health care plan, I have cosponsored a more balanced solution—the Empowering Patients First Act. Our alternative bill is based on the fundamental principle that personal medical decisions should be made by patients and their doctors, not unaccountable bureaucrats in Washington.”

—Rep. Henry Brown, Jr.



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REAL HEALTH CARE REFORM CONGRESSMAN HENRY BROWN'S PRINCIPLES OF HEALTH CARE REFORM

- ✓ **Protect the Doctor-Patient Relationship**
We must ensure that medical decisions are made by patients and their doctors, not Washington bureaucrats, and we must protect every American's freedom to choose the health care plan that best meets their needs.
- ✓ **Expand Access to Quality Care and Coverage**
To build a healthier, stronger America, we should enact reforms that make health care more accessible to all Americans, such as offering incentives for small businesses to provide coverage for their employees, enhancing Health Savings Accounts, and helping low-income families.
- ✓ **Invest in Prevention and Wellness Programs**
Investing in prevention and wellness programs, in addition to developing new treatments and cures, will improve quality of life and save billions of dollars in health care costs in the long-run.
- ✓ **Lower Health Care Costs**
Among the ways to make health care more affordable for all Americans, we must: implement medical malpractice and insurance reform; allow families to keep their coverage, regardless of a change or loss of job; and let small businesses band together to buy more affordable, high-quality care for their employees.
- ✓ **No Taxpayer Funded Abortions**
Our government should not be in the business of funding abortions nor should taxpayers be forced to pay for someone else's abortion.
- ✓ **Cover Pre-Existing Conditions**
All pre-existing conditions must be covered by insurers under any health care reform proposal.

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Rep. Brown discusses health care reform with South Carolina veterans. Like these veterans, thousands of constituents have voiced their concerns about Washington's proposed take-over of health care.



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